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In reply, please, refer to:

December 10, 2004

To: All Potential Applicants to RFP No. HTH-121-2-C

Subject: <u>Branch Responses to Questions</u>

In compliance with state procurement guidelines, questions from any potential applicant to an RFP, along with the Branch's response to the questions are shared with all agencies that requested the RFP.

A single question relating to RFP HTH-121-2-C (Complementary HIV Prevention Services) was submitted to the Branch by December 3, 2004, the deadline for the submission of questions:

Applicant Question: For this RFP, will my proposal be scored higher depending on which priority population I propose to serve, and how highly prioritized that population is?

Branch Response: No. Proposals will not be weighted based on the priority population to be served. Proposals will be judged equally regardless of which of the priority populations would be served. For example, a proposal serving IDU will be evaluated in the same way and on an equal basis as a proposal to serve HIV infected persons, even though Hawai`i`s Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan places highest priority on HIV infected persons, and IDU are the number four priority population. Note however, this RFP only supports the provision of the identified interventions to the six identified priority populations as indicated in Section 2, item 1. "Interventions by Priority Population" (pp 2-5 & 2-6). A proposal to serve individuals who do not fall into one or more of the priority populations would be inconsistent with the RFP and this would be reflected in the score.

While no further questions about the content, intent, or interpretation of the RFP may be answered at this point, other inquires may be directed to me by phone (808-733-9281), or by e-mail (timccorm@camhmis.health.state.hi.us).

Sincerely,

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